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From the Editor

Graduations Set

After serving the dual role of student and athlete, these men and women have earned the distinction of being a college graduate at December graduation ceremonies in Thompson-Boling Arena. Congratulations to them all.

Billy Beron - Football
James Braswell - Football
Shay Coker - Baseball
Bill Duff - Football
Leslie Henley - Track
Chris Hogue - Football
Chris Jackson - Track Manager
Tu Mai - Tennis
Jeff McDaniel - Swimming
Jonathan McLauhan - Baseball
Jenny Meeks - Volleyball
Ryan Meyers - Baseball
Robert Poole - Football
Jim Rumbaugh - Swimming
Benjie Shuler - Football
Kelly Smith - Track
Carrie Spinner - Tennis
Trey Teague - Football
Kevin Zurcher - Football

SEC Football Academic Honor Roll

Last year the University of Tennessee's football squad placed 14 students on the SEC Honor Roll, most ever at one time in school history. This year that record has been broken with 18 student-athletes making the roll this time. We congratulate them on their efforts and their recognition.

They are Mikki Allen, Jonathan Brown, Josh Campbell, Marcus Carr, Shaun Ellis, Justin Emert, Jeremy Fitzgerald, Jason Grant, Jeff Hall, Chris Hogue, William Hurst, Brad Lampley, David Leaverton, Peyton Manning, Peerless Price, Craig Sanford, Benson Scott, and Joshua Tucker.

National Football Foundation
Burger King-
Vincent dePaul Draddy and Division 1-A
Scholar-Athlete of the Year
Peyton Manning, QB

Burger King Scholar Athlete-- UCLA game
Peyton Manning, QB

GTE Academic All-America
Peyton Manning, QB
GTE Academic All-District IV
Peyton Manning, QB

AFCA "Football Good Works Team"
Peyton Manning, QB

SEC "Football Good Works Team"
Peyton Manning, QB

Honda Scholar-Athlete
Peyton Manning, QB

Other Academic Fall Success Stories

Other student-athletes who have a cumulative 3.0 GPA or have made a 3.0 GPA for the Fall Semester and are eligible for the All-SEC Academic Honor Roll are:

Natalie Balash (soccer), Lauren Clayton (volleyball), Kerry Ginter (volleyball), Heather Handel (soccer), Jodie Hanlon (soccer), Mary Heinecke (volleyball), Kassie Kees (soccer), Sharon Kelly (soccer), Holy Kimble (soccer), Lynn Lovingier (volleyball), Melissa Majcher (soccer), Jenny Meeks (volleyball), Kim Obiala (volleyball), Whitney Rayburn (soccer), Heather Redecker (soccer), and Sarah Shively (soccer).

These lists were compiled by the Men's and Women's Student Life Departments, based on information they had as of Dec. 15.

Congratulations to those who are graduating and to those who have worked hard to be recognized for their classroom performance as well as their athletic performance.

NOTE: We would like to apologize to Monica Warren for leaving her name off of the Sports Information list of undergraduate students who graduated in August.

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Representing the Vols...
A Tribute to Peyton Manning!

It was indicative of Peyton Manning's character that he was the first to congratulate Michigan's Charles Woodson when the 1997 Heisman Trophy winner was announced Dec. 13 in New York City. If you knew Peyton, you wouldn't have expected any less.

"Long after Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson of Michigan departed into a cold, windy night near the World Trade Center, long after other Heisman candidates Ryan Leaf of Washington State and Randy Moss of Marshall were gone," Knoxville News-Sentinel reporter Jimmy Hyams wrote, "there Peyton Manning stood, answering countless questions and obliging autograph-seekers when you knew he'd rather be somewhere else."

The Heisman Awards Show was the final chapter of a week in which Vol quarterback Manning did the University of Tennessee proud, just as he's done ever since he came to Knoxville as an 18-year old freshman in 1994.

Fresh off leading the Vols to the SEC title in Atlanta Dec. 6, Manning showed another side of his persona on "The David Letterman Show" the next Monday night, matching the CBS personality one-liner for one-liner and tossing a football through a second-story window outside the CBS Ed Sullivan studio, then seeing Letterman do likewise.

The next day, when the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Awards convened at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, he was named the Burger King - Vincent dePaul Draddy Scholar-Athlete of the Year, which brought Peyton an $18,000 scholarship and the UT General Scholarship Fund $125,000.

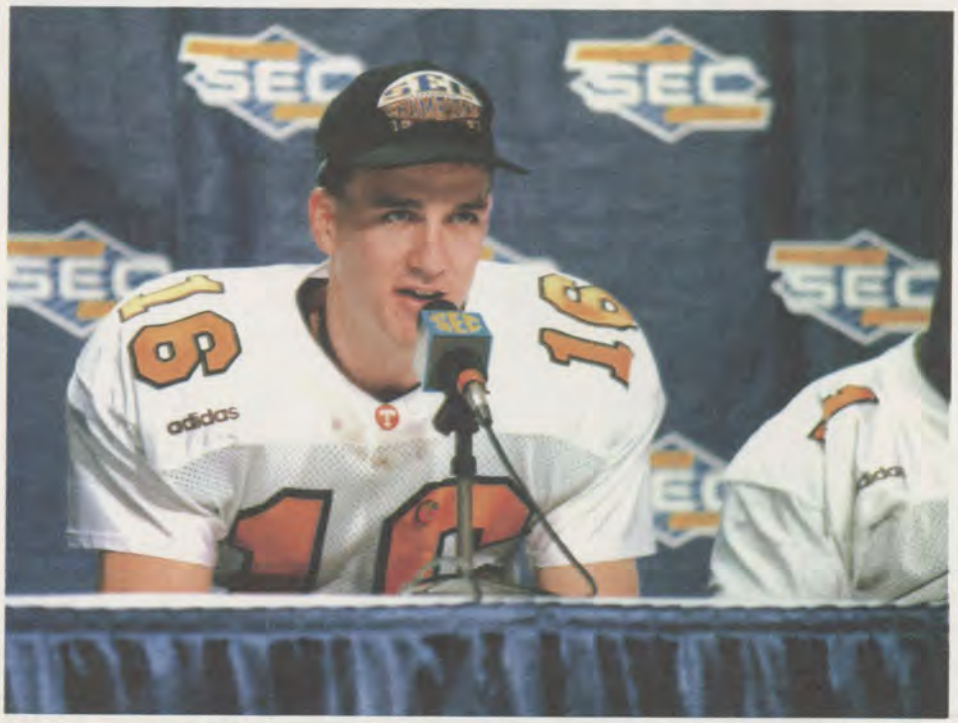
Two days later, it was the Home Depot Awards ceremonies in Orlando, when Peyton was named winner of the Maxwell Award as the nation's finest player, the Davey O'Brien Award as the top quarterback, and the Honda Scholar-Athlete Award. He also won a berth on the AP All-America team. On Friday night, he accepted the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award in ceremonies in Louisville. It all culminated at the Heisman Awards Show.

It was a dazzling run for Peyton, who had to have impressed everyone who saw him with his impassioned love for college football and his poise and polish under the relentless media attention that was thrust upon him since he decided to come back to UT for his senior season on March 5.

Tennessee people all across the width and breadth of Big Orange Country, however you define that unique term, had to have seen something special in this young man. It all sent the memory banks into overdrive, looking back on what Peyton meant to all of us here at UT.

I remembered the aftermath of Manning's first significant service as a Vol player, the day in 1994 the Vols lost at Mississippi State. I took Peyton and Brandon Stewart to the media room and marveled quietly as Peyton handled the whole deal like an old pro. I had the same feeling when we went to the interview room after the championship game three years later in Atlanta.

I remembered being responsible for getting Peyton, Archie and Olivia into the Ray Mears Room for that now-famous March 5 press conference, one at which Peyton made the announcement he was staying at UT. It surprised everyone but me, simply



Always accessible to the media, Peyton Manning meets the press after leading the Vols to the SEC Championship, 30-29 over Auburn in Atlanta. Steve Carringer Photo — Football Time In Tennessee.

because I had sneaked a peek at the headline of his speech while we were waiting. Now you know.

I remembered many afternoons and evenings at John Ward's right hand, spotting for many of Peyton's and Tennessee's greatest moments. I wouldn't have missed it for anything.

There is something special about this job which requires you to go about your business, even though your heart might be breaking. I remember that feeling from the aftermath of the 1994 Alabama game. I have that same feeling this weekend as I write this.

It's been an amazing run for Peyton and, when you look at what he's accomplished, you just have to shake your head and marvel at what he's accomplished on behalf of this University.

You have to give credit to Archie and Olivia, to his school teachers and coaches, and to Phillip Fulmer and his staff for the way all of this came about.

There's no doubt Peyton has made us all proud. There's no doubt that Peyton has been a credit to the University of Tennessee.

Last spring, here's something which appeared in Volunteers Magazine, when Peyton was graduated as the No. 1 student in the College of Speech Communication and as a Phi Beta Kappa selection, all in three years, with a 3.61 GPA in his pocket.

"There are some final things even the most casual observer of Peyton Manning notices quickly. That is a definite sense of focus, a definite sense of priorities, and a definite sense of purpose.

"'I have preached on the importance of making faith, family, education and social life priorities, in that order,'" Peyton said. "'Hopefully, the students will understand that football is only a fraction of my life and I rank it along with my social responsibilities.

"I believe that I have successfully impacted at least a few students, hopefully more, but if I can help change even one student from drugs, violence or other problem, I consider what I've done a success.'"

When Peyton decided to return to UT for his final year, his decision was universally hailed as a definitive statement on behalf of college football and the true importance of what it means to be a student-athlete.

Peyton didn't disappoint anybody, not in the least. The Vols, with Peyton, co-captain Leonard Little and a solid group of seniors leading the way, grabbed the SEC's brass ring and are on their way to play Nebraska in the FedEx Orange Bowl on Jan. 2. It's been an amazing year and he's an amazing player. No doubt about it.

> ***"I'D BE LESS THAN HONEST IF I SAID I DIDN'T WANT TO WIN THE HEISMAN FOR THE PEOPLE BACK HOME IN TENNESSEE. IN A LOT OF WAYS, I WANTED TO WIN IT FOR THEM BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN SO SUPPORTIVE THROUGHOUT MY FOUR YEARS. I APOLOGIZE TO THEM. I WOULDN'T CHANGE A THING ABOUT THIS PAST YEAR, OR ANYTHING IN MY CAREER. I WOULDN'T CHANGE ONE SINGLE THING. I DID THE BEST I COULD ALL YEAR LONG AND THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO DO."***
>
> ***— PEYTON MANNING***

Throughout the year, Peyton has emphasized the word "team" and downplayed his individual accomplishments.

When he received the Draddy Award Dec. 9, here's a portion of what he said:

"I came to these ceremonies when I was 12 years old when my dad was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. That night, he said that, 'Football is not about glory; it's about dreams.' Everyone here has one thing in common: college football. I have had four wonderful years at the University of Tennessee academically, athletically and personally."

Peyton Manning is one of the major reasons these past four years have been so much fun. I remember that it took nearly three years for him to stop calling me "Mr. Mattingly."

The memories of Peyton Manning are rich and full, ones to be savored for a lifetime. He was always there to sign one more autograph or visit one more youngster. He always spoke in the hallway. Peyton was a joy to be around, even when he might have been asked the same question for the third or fourth time, or when the question might have gotten under his skin a little bit.

It was former Vol Curt Watson, talking to Archie Manning on the phone one day, who put it all into perspective. I don't know what Archie said back, but Curt wondered out loud if Archie ever considered, back in their college days in 1968 or 1969, that a younger Manning would, nearly 30 years later, be such a hero in Knoxville, Tenn., of all places.

Time is a great healer. Peyton has become the toast of Big Orange Country and Archie and Olivia have enjoyed it more than anybody.

I have only two regrets, both of a personal nature. I thought Peyton should have been a Torchbearer for the Class of 1997 and was convinced he should have won the Heisman. But those issues are now consigned to historical fact and it's time to move on by simply saying Peyton Manning deserved better in both instances.

Players may come and players may go and we're supposed to keep a stiff upper lip about it. That's hard to do in many cases, including this one. What I can say is that I join the uncounted thousands of Big Orange fans who are proud of Peyton Manning and what he has accomplished while he was here at UT. He's earned our respect and he's contributed to the Vol football legend.

When all is said and done, that's a great legacy.

— Tom Mattingly

POSTSCRIPT, NEW STREET NAME: On Dec. 17, the City of Knoxville and the University of Tennessee renamed Yale Avenue on campus "Peyton Manning Pass."

PEYTON MANNING

Senior ★ QB ★ 6-5 ★ 222

New Orleans, Louisiana

1997 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Att	Cmp	Yds	Int	TD	Long
TEXAS TECH	38	26	310	1	5	29
@UCLA	49	28	341	1	2	39
@Florida	51	29	353	2	3	58
OLE MISS	44	25	324	1	2	45
GEORGIA	40	31	343	1	4	34
@Alabama	37	23	304	0	3	52
S. CAROLINA	25	8	126	1	0	46
SOUTHERN MISS	53	35	399	0	4	41
@Arkansas	35	20	264	1	3	49
@Kentucky	35	25	523	0	5	66
VANDERBILT	27	12	159	1	1	33
vs. Auburn	43	25	373	2	4	73
TOTALS	477	287	3819	11	36	73-AU

1996 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Att	Cmp	Yds	Int	TD	Long
UNLV	24	18	298	1	1	63
UCLA	28	16	288	1	2	69
FLORIDA	65	37	492	4	4	72
@Ole Miss	22	18	242	0	1	30
@Georgia	41	31	371	0	2	36
ALABAMA	25	12	176	1	1	54
@S. Carolina	36	27	362	0	2	48
@Memphis	40	23	296	2	1	46
ARKANSAS	41	28	282	1	3	27
KENTUCKY	23	16	317	1	3	80
@Vanderbilt	35	17	163	1	0	29
TOTALS	380	243	3287	12	20	80-Ky
Northwestern*	39	27	408	0	4	67

1995 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Att	Cmp	Yds	Int	TD	Long
E. CAROLINA	29	17	178	0	1	31
GEORGIA	38	26	349	1	2	45
@Florida	36	23	326	0	2	72
MISS. STATE	35	21	235	1	0	40
OKLA. STATE	25	17	199	0	2	25
@Arkansas	46	35	384	1	4	55
@Alabama	29	20	301	0	3	80
S. CAROLINA	20	16	215	0	4	47
SOUTHERN MISS	39	20	230	0	2	31
@Kentucky	41	23	272	1	2	70
VANDERBILT	42	26	265	0	0	21
TOTALS	380	244	2954	4	22	80-ALA
Ohio State*	35	20	182	0	1	47

1994 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Att	Cmp	Yds	Int	TD	Long
@UCLA	0	0	0	0	0	0
@Georgia			DNP			
FLORIDA	5	3	27	0	0	15
@Miss. State	23	14	256	1	2	76
WASH. STATE	14	7	79	0	0	38
ARKANSAS	18	12	157	1	2	27
ALABAMA	18	10	138	2	0	40
@S. Carolina	23	18	189	0	3	30
MEMPHIS	12	5	32	1	0	17
KENTUCKY	15	10	122	0	2	38
@Vanderbilt	16	10	141	1	2	32
TOTALS	144	89	1141	6	11	76-MSU
Virginia Tech*	19	12	189	0	1	42

*Bowl Game Stats

TOPPING THE CHARTS

SEC Career Passing Yards

1. Peyton Manning, UT	*11,201*
2. Eric Zeier, UG	11,153
3. Danny Wuerffel, UF	10,875
4. Shane Matthews, UF	9,287
5. Tommy Hodson, LSU	9,115
6. Steve Taneyhill, SC	8,555
7. Stan White, AU	8,016
8. Kerwin Bell, UF	7,585
9. John Reaves, UF	7,549

SEC Career Completion Pct.

1. Peyton Manning, UT	*62.49*
2. Jeff Francis, UT	61.98
3. Alan Risher, LSU	61.95

SEC Career Lowest Interception Pct.

1. Peyton Manning, UT	*2.39*
2. Eric Zeier, UG	2.64
3. Steve Taneyhill, SC	3.06

SEC Career TD Passes

1. Danny Wuerffel, UF	114
2. Peyton Manning, UT	*89*
3. Shane Matthews, UF	74
4. Tommy Hodson, LSU	69
5. Eric Zeier, UG	67
6. Steve Taneyhill, SC	61
7. Kerwin Bell, UF	56
8. John Reaves, UF	54
9. Pat Sullivan, AU	53

SEC Career Pass Completions

1. Peyton Manning, UT	*863*
2. Eric Zeier, UG	838
3. Steve Taneyhill, SC	727
4. Shane Matthews, UF	722
5. Danny Wuerffel, UF	708
6. Tommy Hodson, LSU	674
7. Stan White, AU	659
8. Wayne Peace, UF	610
9. John Reaves, UF	603
10. Jeff Wickersham, LSU	587

SEC Career TD Responsibility

1. Danny Wuerffel, UF	119
2. Peyton Manning, UT	*101*
3. Shane Matthews, UF	82
4t. Eric Zeier, UG	71
4t. Pat Sullivan, AU	71
4t. Tommy Hodson, LSU	71

SEC Career Total Offense Yards

1. Peyton Manning, UT	*11,020*
2. Eric Zeier, UG	10,841
3. Danny Wuerffel, UF	10,500
4. Shane Matthews, UF	9,241

SEC Career Total Offense Plays

1. Eric Zeier, UG	1560
2. Peyton Manning, UT	*1534*
3. Stan White, AU	1481

SEC Career Yards per Play

1. Danny Wuerffel, UF	7.75
2. Peyton Manning, UT	*7.18*
3. Pat Sullivan, AU	7.03

SEC Career Total Offense Yards per Game

1. Shane Matthews, UF	264.0
2. Peyton Manning, UT	*250.5*
3. Eric Zeier, UG	246.4
4. Danny Wuerffel, UF	228.3
5. Pat Sullivan, AU	228.1
6. John Reaves, UF	227.6

SEC Season Passing Yards

1. Tim Couch, UK	3,884
2. Peyton Manning, UT	*3,819*
3. Danny Wuerffel, UF	3,625
4. Eric Zeier, UG	3,525
5. Eric Zeier, UG	3,396

UT Career Passing Yardage

1. Peyton Manning	*11,201*
2. Andy Kelly	6,397
3. Jeff Francis	5,867

UT Career Passing TDs

1. Peyton Manning	*89*
2t. Heath Shuler	36
2t. Andy Kelly	36

UT Single Game Passing

1. Peyton Manning (UK, 1997)	*523*
2. Peyton Manning (UF, 1996)	*492*
3. Peyton Manning (NW, 1997)	*408*
4t Peyton Manning (USM, 1997)	*399*
4t. Andy Kelly (ND, 1990)	399
6. Andy Kelly (UF, 1991)	392
7. T. Robinson (UCLA, 1985)	387
8. Bobby Scott (UF, 1970)	385
9. Peyton Manning (Ark., 1995)	*384*
10. Peyton Manning (Aub, 1997)	*373*

CAREER HIGHS

Attempts: 65 vs. Florida, 1996
Comps: 37 vs. Florida, 1996
Yards: 524 vs. Kentucky, 1997
TDs: 5 vs. Texas Tech, 1997
5 vs. Kentucky, 1997
Int: 4 vs. Florida, 1996

PASSING GAMES

30 -- 200-yard games
18 -- 300-yard games
3 -- 400-yard games
1 -- 500-yard game

MANNING'S 300-YARD PASSING GAMES

1. 523 vs. Kentucky, 1997
2. 492 vs. Florida, 1996
3. 408 vs. Northwestern, 1997
4. 399 vs. Southern Miss, 1997
5. 384 vs. Arkansas, 1995
6. 373 vs. Auburn, 1997
7. 371 vs. Georgia, 1996
8. 362 vs. S. Carolina, 1996
9. 353 vs. Florida, 1997
10. 349 vs. Georgia, 1995
11. 343 vs. Georgia, 1997
12. 341 vs. UCLA, 1997
13. 326 vs. Florida, 1995
14. 324 vs. Ole Miss, 1997
15. 317 vs. Kentucky, 1996
16. 310 vs. Texas Tech, 1997
17. 304 vs. Alabama, 1997
18. 301 vs. Alabama, 1995

ALL-AMERICA

Jamal Lewis, RB	*The Sporting News (Freshman)*
Leonard Little, LB	Walter Camp; Associated Press (2nd)
Peyton Manning, QB	Associated Press; Walter Camp; FWAA; AFCA; *Football News; The Sporting News (2nd)*

ALL-SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

Jonathan Brown, DE	Associated Press; Coaches (2nd)
Terry Fair, DB	Coaches; *Football News*; Associated Press (2nd)
Jeff Hall, PK	*Football News*
Jamal Lewis; RB	Coaches (2nd); Associated Press (2nd); AP Freshman of the Year, *Knoxville-News Sentinel* SEC Freshman of the Year
Leonard Little, DE	Associated Press; AP Co-Defensive Player of the Year; *Football News;* Coaches (2nd)
Peyton Manning, QB	Associated Press; AP Player of the Year; Coaches; *Football News*; *Football News* SEC Player of the Year
Marcus Nash, WR	Associated Press; Coaches (2nd)
Trey Teague, C	Associated Press; Coaches (2nd)
Al Wilson, LB	Coaches; Associated Press (2nd)

SEC ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

Cosey Coleman, OT	Knoxville *News-Sentinel*
Jamal Lewis, RB	Knoxville *News-Sentinel*

AWARD WINNERS

Peyton Manning, QB	Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Davey O'Brien Award *Football News* Offensive Player of the Year Columbus Touchdown Club Player of the Year Atlanta Touchdown Club Player of the Year Maxwell Award - Player of the Year Chevrolet Player of the Year
Jamal Lewis, RB	Sporting News Freshman of the Year

AWARD FINALISTS

Fred White, DB	Mosi Tatupu Special Teams Award
David Cutcliffe	Broyles Award

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK/GAME

Dwayne Goodrich, DB	College Sports News National Defensive Player of the Week (Vanderbilt, Nov. 29)
Jamal Lewis, RB	SEC Offensive Player of the Week (Georgia, Oct. 11)
Leonard Little, DE	SEC Defensive Player of the Week (UCLA, Sept. 6)
Peyton Manning, QB	Chevrolet Player of the Game (UCLA, Sept. 6) SEC Offensive Player of the Week (Southern Miss, Nov. 8) (Kentucky, Nov. 22) CNN/SI Player of the Week (Kentucky, Nov. 22) SEC Championship Game MVP (Auburn, Dec. 6)

Al Wilson (left), Leonard Little (middle) and Jamal Lewis (right) earned regular season and post-season honors for the Vols in their 11-1 season.

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Fulmer File...
BOWL GAME PREPARATIONS!

Editor's Note: Following are selected comments from head coach Phillip Fulmer as the Vols prepare for their Orange Bowl date Jan. 2 with Nebraska.)

NEBRASKA COACH TOM OSBORNE:

"Our football team and coaching staff look forward to being participants in the final game of one of the greatest coaches in the history of college football. Tom Osborne is a man of class, character and integrity. He will be greatly missed in our profession. I have admired him and his program since I first got into coaching. His record speaks for itself, but Coach Osborne as a man goes much deeper than a winning percentage. He truly stands for what is good and right about college football. In our AFCA meetings, he always stood for what was in the best interests of the players and of college football."

ON THE NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS:

"I've seen a lot of Nebraska over the years. In all phases of the game—offense, defense and kicking—they play as well as anybody. They have something very special going out there with their program."

ON PLAYING IN THE ORANGE BOWL:

"The Orange Bowl is what we wanted because it gives us the opportunity to compete for the national championship. The Orange Bowl is famous for its hospitality to the visiting teams. Our minds will be on the football game against the outstanding University of Nebraska team. We've worked really hard for this opportunity, and we need to take advantage of it."

ON SEC TITLE GAME WITH AUBURN:

"I think it was probably the biggest win in my career because it gave us the championship. All the games leading to this one were very, very important because otherwise there wouldn't have been a championship. The game was an emotional roller-coaster. There are a lot of ways to skin a cat, and, although this wasn't the ideal way, it got the cat skinned."

ON SEC CHAMPIONSHIP:

"Our team persevered when most people thought we didn't have a chance. The SEC championship is a fitting reward for a squad that hung in there, refused to give up and which kept the faith. It's also a tribute to the leadership on the squad exerted by a class of seniors who are a very mature group."

ON DRIVE TOWARD CHAMPIONSHIP

"It was a tough road after the Florida game. We needed to win nine straight to get done what we needed to do. Our team succeeded in remaining focused. We found a lot of different ways to win games, and some people stepped up when others were injured. I thought we did good work as a staff, but, more important, our players got done what they needed to get done to win the championship."

ON PEYTON MANNING

"Peyton has done everything we've asked in running our offense. We've averaged more than 450 yards in total offense, and not all of it came from Peyton's arm. He's great at handling pressure and checking to the proper things. He does things nobody would have any idea about unless they attended our staff meetings."

ON BALANCED OFFENSE:

"The emergence of the running game, brought out by the combination of Jamal Lewis and improved line play, allowed us to be like ourselves with Peyton running the offense as in the days of old. It was exciting to see our running game step up, which is something we worked hard to achieve."

—Phillip Fulmer

> ***"THE ORANGE BOWL IS WHAT WE WANTED BECAUSE IT GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. THE ORANGE BOWL IS FAMOUS FOR ITS HOSPITALITY TO THE VISITING TEAMS. OUR MINDS WILL BE ON THE FOOTBALL GAME AGAINST THE OUTSTANDING UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA TEAM. WE'VE WORKED REALLY HARD FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY, AND WE NEED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT."***
>
> ***— PHILLIP FULMER***

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1997 TENNESSEE FOOTBALL STATISTICS (11-1, 7-1 SEC--SEC Champions*)

DATE	UT	OPP	OPPONENT	SITE	ATTENDANCE
Aug. 30	**52**	17	TEXAS TECH	**KNOXVILLE**	**106,285**
Sept. 6	**30**	24	at UCLA	Pasadena	62,619
Sept. 20	20	**33**	at Florida*	Gainesville	85,714
Oct. 4	**31**	17	MISSISSIPPI*	**KNOXVILLE**	**106,229**
Oct. 11	**38**	13	GEORGIA*	**KNOXVILLE**	**106,656**
Oct. 18	**38**	21	at Alabama*	Birmingham	83,091
Nov. 1	**22**	7	SOUTH CAROLINA*	**KNOXVILLE**	**106,301**
Nov. 8	**44**	20	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI (HC)	**KNOXVILLE**	**107,073**
Nov. 15	**30**	22	at Arkansas*	Little Rock	53,235
Nov. 22	**59**	31	at Kentucky*	Lexington	61,076
Nov. 29	**17**	10	VANDERBILT*	**KNOXVILLE**	**106,683**
Dec. 6	**30**	29	Auburn **(SEC Championship)**	Atlanta	74,896
Jan. 2			Nebraska **(FedEx Orange Bowl)**	Miami, Fla.	

TEAM STATISTICS	TENN	OPP
FIRST DOWNS	300	208
By Rushing	105	72
By Passing	177	117
By Penalty	18	19
NET YARDS RUSHING	1813	1119
Attempts	398	382
Gained	2052	1629
Lost	239	510
Average Per Game	151.1	93.3
Yards Per Rush	4.6	2.9
Longest Rush	65	74
NET YARDS PASSING	3981	2898
Attempts	492	418
Completed	296	229
Percent Completed	60.2	54.8
Had Intercepted	12	13
Average Per Game	331.8	241.5
Longest Pass	73	87
TOTAL OFFENSE	5794	4017
Total Plays	890	800
Average Per Game	482.8	334.8
PUNTS	50	74
Punting Yardage	1946	2894
Average Per Punt	38.9	39.1
Net Punt Average	34.2	33.9
Had Blocked	0	2
PUNT RETURNS	29	28
Return Yardage	388	235
Average Per Return	13.4	8.4
Longest Punt Return	45	31
KICKOFF RETURNS	32	52
Return Yardage	656	1059
Average Per Return	20.5	20.4
Longest KO Return	41	96
TURNOVERS	31	24
Fumbles	33	31
Fumbles Lost	19	11
Interceptions By	13	12
Interception Return Yards	110	308
Longest Int. Return	57	89
PENALTIES	87	87
Yards Penalized	688	694
3RD DN CONVERSIONS	77/169	48/173
Percentage	45.6	27.7
4TH DN CONVERSIONS	6/12	8/18
Percentage	50.0	44.4
TIME OF POSSESSION	30:20	29:40
POINTS SCORED	**411**	**244**
Touchdowns	52	26
By Rushing	13	11
By Passing	37	11
By Returns	2	4
By Fumble Return	0	0
By Blocked Field Goal	0	0
Extra Points (Kicks)	47/49	20/23
Extra Points (Pass)	1/3	1/2
Extra Points (Run)	0/0	1/1
Extra Points (Defense)	0/0	1/1
Field Goals	16/22	20/26
Safety	1	1

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

Hall 95 (16/22 FG, 47/49 PAT); Nash 78 (13 TD); Copeland 56 (9 TD, 1 2pt); Lewis 54 (9 TD); Price 36 (6 TD); Manning 18 (3 TD); McCullough 18 (3 TD); Bryson 12 (2 TD); C. Wilson 12 (2 TD); Corby 6 (1 TD); Edmonds 6 (1 TD); Gaines 6 (1 TD); Goodrich 6 (1 TD); Levine 6 (1 TD); Team 2 (1 Safety)

SCORING BY QUARTER

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	Avg
Opponents	50	62	55	77	244	20.3
Tennessee	76	118	123	94	411	34.3

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING

	Att	Gain	Lost	Net	Avg	TD	LP
Lewis	232	1385	21	1364	5.9	7	65 SC
Levine	28	188	16	172	6.1	1	47 SC
Bryson	36	150	4	146	4.1	2	44 USM
Crosby	12	61	1	60	5.0	0	13 UCLA
Stephens	9	40	4	36	4.0	0	14 TTU
Darden	14	39	6	33	2.4	0	9 TTU
Price	2	36	5	31	15.5	0	36 UK
Edmonds	4	12	0	12	3.0	0	9 ARK
Graham	1	11	0	11	11.0	0	11 MISS
Henry	2	5	1	4	2.0	0	5 TTU
T. Martin	8	22	26	-4	-0.5	0	12 TTU
Manning	49	103	133	-30	-0.6	3	11 UG
Team	1	0	22	-22	-22.0	0	-22
Totals	398	2052	239	1813	4.6	13	65 SC
Opponent	382	1629	510	1119	2.9	11	74 MISS

INDIVIDUAL PASSING

	Att	Cmp	Pct	Int	Sk	Yds	TD	LP
Manning	477	287	60.2	11	12	3819	36	73 AU
T. Martin	12	6	50.0	1	2	87	1	31 TTU
Copeland	2	2	100.0	0	0	65	0	43 SC
Lewis	1	1	100.0	0	0	10	0	10ARK
Totals	492	296	60.2	12	14	3981	37	73 AU
Opponent	418	229	54.8	13	47	2898	11	87 UK

INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	TD	LP
Nash	76	1170	15.4	13	73 AU
Copeland	58	732	12.6	9	46 SC
Price	48	698	14.5	6	52 ALA
Bryson	29	307	10.6	0	37 MISS
Lewis	23	275	12.0	2	50 UK
McCullough	22	425	19.3	3	58 UF
Levine	13	48	3.7	0	23 UG
Edmonds	8	79	9.9	1	16 UF
C. Wilson	7	71	10.1	2	16 UF
Shuler	5	58	11.6	0	18 UCLA
Peebles	2	31	15.5	0	18 USM
Corby	1	31	31.0	1	31 TTU
D. Martin	1	22	22.0	0	22 UG
Darden	1	13	13.0	0	13 TTU
N. Johnson	1	11	11.0	0	11 UG
Manning	1	10	10.0	0	10 ARK
Totals	296	3981	13.4	37	73 AU
Opponent	229	2898	12.7	11	87 UK

TOTAL OFFENSE LEADERS

	Rush	Pass	Tot. Yds	Yds/Gm	TD
Manning	-30	3819	3789	315.8	39
Lewis	1364	10	1374	114.5	7

KICKOFF RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	LP
Goodrich	13	282	21.7	0	41 UF
Levine	10	208	20.8	0	32 UF
C. Wilson	4	88	22.0	0	31 UK
Darden	3	48	16.0	0	23 USM
Fair	2	30	15.0	0	18 ARK
Totals	32	626	20.5	0	41 UF
Opponent	52	1059	20.4	1	96 USM

PUNT RETURNS

	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	LP
Fair	19	272	14.3	0	45 AU
Copeland	7	88	12.6	0	33 UF
E. Brown	2	28	14.0	0	16 ARK
C. Wilson	1	0	0.0	0	--
Totals	29	388	13.4	0	45 AU
Opponent	28	235	8.4	0	31 UF

SCORING PERCENTAGE INSIDE 20	UT	Opp
Times Inside Opponent 20	48	32
Total Scores	40	25
Touchdowns	27	13
Field Goals	13	12
Turnovers	5	2
Scoring Percentage	83.3	78.1

AVG. STARTING FIELD POSITION	UT	Opp
Drives Started	168	166
Cumulative Starting Yardline	5289	5115
Avg. Starting Field Pos.	31.5	30.8
Times Started Inside Own 20	30	28

DEFENSIVE BIG PLAY LEADERS

LB Leonard Little	21.5	DB Terry Fair	15
DE Jonathan Brown	21.5	DB Dwayne Goodrich	14
LB Al Wilson	16	DE Corey Terry	13

SEC/NCAA TEAM STATISTICAL RANKINGS

Category	Stat/Game	SEC Rank	NCAA Rank
TOTAL OFFENSE	482.8	1st	4th
Rushing Offense	151.1	4th	--
Passing Offense	331.8	2nd	6th
Scoring	34.3	2nd	14th
1st Downs/Game	25.0	2nd	N/A
3rd Dn Conversions	.456	2nd	N/A
TOTAL DEFENSE	334.8	3rd	32nd
Rushing Defense	93.3	2nd	8th
Passing Eff. Defense	115.5	4th	36th
Scoring Defense	20.3	8th	32nd
1st Downs Allowed	17.3	4th	N/A
3rd Dn Conv. Allowed	.277	1st	N/A
QB Sacks	47	2nd	N/A
NET PUNTING	34.2	12th	--
Punt Returns	13.4	1st	12th
Kickoff Returns	20.5	8th	--
Penalty Yards	57.3	8th	N/A
Turnover Ratio	-.6	10th	-- --

N/A not an NCAA Stat; Top 40 NCAA Ranks Only

1997 TENNESSEE DEFENSIVE STATISTIC

	Hits	UT	AT	Cau Fumb	Rec Fumb	PBU	QBSk	TFL	Int	Blk Kick	Big Plays
Little, LB	87	59	28	2	-	5	8.5 (-79)	6 (-16)	-	-	21.5
Noel, DB	85	54	31	-	-	6	3 (-16)	3 (-11)	-	-	12
Wilson, LB	83	56	27	1	-	3	5 (-11)	7 (-23)	-	-	16
Gaines, DB	73	53	20	1	1	5	1 (-3)	-	1 (1 TD)	-	10
Thompson, LB	67	45	22	3	1	1	1 (-4)	5 (-18)	1	-	12
Terry, DE	56	37	19	1	-	2	4 (-28)	6 (-18)	-	-	13
Goodrich, DB	45	29	16	-	2	6	-	1 (-2)	4 (1TD)	-	14
White, DB	43	28	15	2	2	2	1 (-11)	1 (-2)	-	-	8
Fair, DB	39	26	13	1	-	9	-	-	5	-	15
J. Brown, DE	37	30	7	3	2	2	13.5 (-111)	1 (-2)-	-	-	21.5
Green, DT	31	20	11	-	-	-	-	1 (-12)	-	-	1
Duff, DT	29	16	13	-	-	-	1	4 (-37)	1 (-3)	-	6
Sh. Johnson, LB	28	19	9	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Walker, DT	27	16	11	1	1	3	1 (-5)	6 (-18)	-	-	12
Ellis, DE	23	15	8	1	-	2	3 (-10)	5 (-16)	-	-	11
Griffin, DB	22	14	8	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	3
St. Johnson, DB	19	15	4	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	4
Hampton, LB	18	8	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hayden, LB	17	10	7	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ratliff, DT	17	11	6	2	-	3	-	7 (-24)	-	-	12
Coleman, DE	14	10	4	1	-	-	-	1 (-2)	-	-	2
Buxton, DT	13	5	8	-	-	1	-	1 (-6)	-	-	2
Westmoreland, LB	11	8	3	1	-	-	1 (-5)	1 (-7)	-	-	3
Grant, LB	10	6	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Lloyd, LB	9	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Allen, DB	6	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smith, DE	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	1 (-2)	-	-	1
Ramseur, LB	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kemp, LB	2	2	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E. Brown, LB	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1 (-2)	-	2 (punts)	3
Goodin, DT	1	1	0	-	-	-	-	1 (-3)	-	-	1
TEAM	**920**	**607**	**313**	**22**	**11**	**56**	**47 (-332)**	**55 (-175)**	**13 (2 TD)**	**2**	**208**

QB PRESSURES (98) J. Brown 16, Terry 15, Little 13, Duff 11, Walker 9, Coleman 8, Green 6, Ellis 6, Wilson 3, Ratliff 3, Thompson 2, Buxton 2, Goodin 1, Smith 1, White 1, Gaines 1

MISC TACKLES (18) Edmonds 7, Begnaud 3, Gregory 2, Henry 1, Sewell 1, Hall 1, Lewis 1, Bryson 1, Crosby 1

Tennessee Tradition...

Ben Byrd on the Vols... It All Began In 1902!

The first bowl game ever played was a total disaster. The sponsors of the Tournament of Roses holiday festival in Pasadena, California, thought it would be a good idea to mix in a postseason college football game with the other festivities, and so it was arranged for Michigan, the monster of the midwest, to play the top Pacific Coast team, Stanford, on New Year's Day in 1902.

After it was all over, it didn't seem to be all that good of an idea. Mighty Michigan all but disemboweled the hapless Indians, 49-0, thus running its 1901 season record to 11-0-0. In those eleven games the Wolverines, led by all-time All-American back Willie Heston, outscored the opposition 550 points to zero. The sponsors decided to go back to the parades and flower shows.

But the Rose Bowl wasn't dead; it was only sleeping. Fourteen years later it popped up again, on New Year's Day of 1916. Washington State upheld the pride of the West with a 14-0 triumph over Brown, and this time the noble experiment succeeded. Since then, every new year, even in wartime, has been greeted by another Rose Bowl game.

But, the impact of the Pasadena event was to go far beyond the reaches of Southern California. After two decades in which the Rose was the only game in town, it began to dawn on other warm-weather communities that a postseason college football game might help their own holiday tourism business.

In 1935, two new bowls made their debuts. At New Orleans, hometown hero Monk Simons led Tulane to a 20-14 victory over Temple in the first Sugar Bowl game. (Simons later became executive director of the Sugar Bowl.) And in Miami, the Orange Bowl was christened by Bucknell's 26-0 win over the Miami Hurricanes.

The bowl craze was on. The Sun Bowl at El Paso showed up in 1936 and the Cotton Bowl made its first appearance in Dallas in 1937. The Gator and Tangerine (now Florida Citrus) popped up right after World War II, along with several others that never quite made it. The Oil Bowl, the Great Lakes Bowl and the Cigar Bowl now only live in sad memory.

By now, 96 years after that first Rose Bowl venture, we have 21 bowls in various stages of financial health, to help us whittle away the holiday hours.

Tennessee fans can be proud of their school's contributions to bowl history. Vol teams under seven different coaches have played in 37 bowl games since 1939, winning 21 and losing 16. UT has helped at least one of the postseason classics, the Orange, attain major bowl status. The 1938 Tennessee appearance in the Orange Bowl against a similarly perfect record Oklahoma team was the first time the Miami event had ever paired two teams of national championship status. The Vols' 17-0 triumph still stands as a milestone win for the Big Orange program.

The Vols have played in two subsequent Orange Bowls, in 1947 when the old single-wing offense couldn't squirt a drop in a 8-0 loss to Rice, and, in 1968, when a late rally fell two points shy in a 26-24 loss to Oklahoma. So the current Vols will be out to even the school's Orange Bowl score this time around, although much juicier fruit awaits them if all the little pieces fall in place.

The Sugar Bowl has been Tennessee's most frequently visited postseason venue. The Vols have played seven times in New Orleans, winning four and losing three. In other major bowls they are 0-2 in the Rose, 2-2 in the Cotton and 0-1 in the Fiesta.

The new bowl alliance, which went into effect three years ago, has drastically redrawn the old bowl configuration that we all knew and loved so well. I will be glad to explain the alliance as soon as somebody explains it to me. But basically, it is an arrangement between the Orange, Sugar, Cotton and Fiesta Bowls and the SEC, Big-10, Big-12, ACC and Big East Conferences and independent Notre Dame to try to arrive at a national championship game. The two top-ranked teams available each year are paired against each other with the venue rotated among the four bowls. This is the Orange's turn for the big game.

The push for an official national championship playoff gets stronger each year, and I suspect it will come to pass in the fairly near future. When it happens, I hope it will be conducted within the existing bowl structure as nearly as possible. The bowls have meant too much to college football to turn away from them now.

Former Vol

(1965-67)

Jimmy Glover

It was January 1968 and Tennessee was taking on the Oklahoma Sooners in the Orange Bowl in Miami. The Vols were trailing 19-0 after two periods. After an opening second-half series stalled, Jimmy Glover stepped in front of an errant Sooner pass and returned it 36 yards for the first Tennessee score. The Vols rattled off 17 unanswered points and fell short of the win as a last minute field goal missed its mark.

Now 30 years later, Glover is a Pharmaceutical Manager for Rite Aid Pharmacy in Lafayette, over in his native Macon County. Glover graduated from pharmaceutical school in 1971 and eventually owned his own pharmacy, before selling it to Rite Aid in 1995.

He married the former Debbie Clift in 1983, who happened to be at the Orange Bowl with her family at the time of the `68 game. Glover has a stepson who is a freshman at UT and a 12 year-old daughter.

Jimmy Glover made his impact on the Orange Bowl with his 36-yard interception return for a score in the Vols' 26-24 loss to Oklahoma.

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VASF NEWS AND NOTES

NCAA Q & A

Here is another installment of our series on how the NCAA views the University of Tennessee, its athletic programs, and its supporters. To review, this column has looked at the definition of an athletic representative and seen what is and is not allowed when the topic turns to athletic representatives, UT, and its recruiting of prospective student-athletes. Remember that most of the actions not allowed for recruits also apply to currently-enrolled student-athletes. All ***Volunteers Magazine*** subscribers, as well as all VASF donors, are considered to be University of Tennessee athletic representatives by the NCAA. The VASF would like to stress the importance of these guidelines provided by the NCAA. Everyone wants Tennessee to win, but in Knoxville it is important to win fairly because the Vols and Lady Vols have outstanding programs.

QUESTION: Can we provide help to a struggling student-athlete or high school recruit? Can we help him make his grades?

ANSWER: No. Athletic representatives are not allowed to provide academic assistance nor to purchase term papers or any other academic assistance. Tutoring services and academic help and class advising are provided by the Office of Student Life. This office's main function is to ensure that Tennessee's student-athletes succeed in more aspects of their college lives than just athletics. The Student Life Office is staffed with tutors, psychologists, and career advisors. Working together with the coaches, they help to keep the student-athletes focused on the primary objective - earning a college degree.

Point System Question of the Week

The response from the point system has been overwhelmingly positive. Here is one common question the VASF staff members received during the past week in the VASF office.

QUESTION: Was the point system applied to this year's SEC or bowl game ticket allocations?

ANSWER: The new VASF point system will not go into effect until Jan. 1, 1998. It would be unfair to apply the point system until all of the point system appeals have been considered. For the 1997 SEC Championship and this year's bowl game, established donor priorities and traditional levels of giving were used to allocate tickets. If you have any questions about the point system, call John Currie or Mike Hamilton in the Office of Athletic Development at (423) 974-1218.

The 1997 Tax Year Will End Soon

As 1997 draws to a close, so does the window of opportunity to make your 1998 VASF contribution and still receive 1997 tax year credit. Consult your tax advisor. Remember that all cash or check donations must be postmarked by December 31, 1997, to receive 1997 tax year status. To ensure processing, the deadline to make a credit card donation for 1997 tax year credit is Dec. 15, 1997. The VASF would also like to remind everyone that the UTK campus-wide development and alumni office, located in the Tyson House, will be open Dec. 29 through Dec. 31 to accept donations for athletic development also. Donors should ask for Linda Newman if they choose to hand-deliver their gifts during these three days.

VASF Office Christmas Holiday Schedule

The VASF office will be closed to observe the Christmas holiday from Saturday, Dec. 20, until Sunday, Dec 28, 1997.The office will be open Monday, Dec. 29 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.). Depending on travel schedules, the office may be open on Dec. 30, 31, and Jan. 2. Donors are asked to please call before stopping by the Development Office. The office will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1, to observe New Year's Day. Note that the University-wide alumni association will be open during the holidays to accept cash or check contributions to athletics also. They will be located in Tyson House on campus.

Update on VASF Point System Appeals

The VASF staff is considering each appeal very closely. After an appeal has been resolved, that donor will be notified. Responses to all point system appeals are being mailed. Most should be mailed by the end of December. An updated point standings sheet is also included in the response. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Fund Drive Workers

If you are interested in working with the 1998 Volunteer Athletic Scholarship Fund Drive, which runs from January until March, contact John Currie in the VASF office at (423) 974-1218. The Fund Drive workers help the VASF encourage renewals and recruit new members into the VASF. Workers are divided into geographic teams. Team and individual prizes are available. Some of the prizes in the past few years have included away football and bowl trips, televisions and other electronics, and the team prize: the opportunity to run through the "T" before a home football game in front of 106,000 screaming fans.

New Donor Deadline of March 1

The VASF would like to remind everyone that points for 1998 rankings will be awarded only for donations actually received by March 1, 1998. Matching grants gifts points will be posted as soon as the company contributions are received in the VASF office. The VASF wants to encourage those donors with matching grants to get them in early to allow the most time possible to get their corporate matching gifts into the VASF office by March 1, 1998.

Men's Basketball Returns Home

Jerry Green's charges, fresh from a three-game road swing that will see the Vols travel from California to Florida, will return to the friendly confines of Thompson-Boling Arena on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1998, to open the home Southeastern Conference schedule with a 7:30 match-up against the Auburn Tigers. Tickets are available by dialing the ticket office at (423) 656-1200 and charging by phone with either a Visa, Master Card, or Discover Card. Tickets will be mailed to you if time allows.

Men's Free Basketball Parking

The athletic department will sponsor free basketball parking and shuttle service from Tennessee's agricultural campus this year for all home games. Contact parking services at (423) 974-6011 for more information. The next men's home basketball game is Wednesday. Jan. 7, 1998, against Auburn. Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

Donor Brochure Mailing

New 1998 donor brochures and contribution cards were recently mailed to all current VASF donors and prospects. If you did not receive yours or you would like more information on how to become a member of the VASF, please call (423) 974-1218 to receive a complimentary copy of this exciting look behind the scenes of Tennessee athletics.

Baseball Ticket Information

The Diamond Vols' season starts in about six weeks. Now is a good time to get your name on the mailing list for season or individual game ticket package information. Contact Chip Bryant in the office of Athletic Marketing at (423) 974-1218 for more details. The 1998 Season Ticket Renewal cards will be mailed the last part of December.

— Steve Sams

TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS

OFFENSE

TE:	82	**Eric Diogu (So., 6-3, 250)**
	98	Antron Peebles (Jr., 6-3, 247)
SE:	6	**Jeremaine Copeland (Jr., 6-2, 210)**
	81	Benjie Shuler (Sr., 6-2, 195)
LT:	67	**Chad Clifton (So., 6-6, 300)**
	77	Josh Tucker (So., 6-4, 290)
LG:	68	**Spencer Riley (So., 6-3, 289)**
	53	Toby Champion (Fr., 6-4, 300)
C:	70	**Trey Teague (Sr., 6-5, 287)**
	59	Sam Pinner (Sr., 6-3, 280)
RG:	75	**Mercedes Hamilton (Jr., 6-3, 295)**
	54	Diron Robinson (Jr., 6-3, 295)
RT:	52	**Cosey Coleman (Fr., 6-5, 320)**
	72	Jarvis Reado (Jr., 6-5, 290)
	65	Robert Poole (Sr., 6-3, 291)
WR:	12	**Marcus Nash (Sr., 6-3, 190)**
	90	Graff Corby (Jr., 6-3, 197)
	87	David Martin (Fr., 6-5, 210)
WR:	37	**Peerless Price (Jr., 6-0, 183)**
	88	Andy McCullough (Sr., 6-3, 201)
	14	Cedrick Wilson (Fr., 6-0, 165)
QB:	16	**Peyton Manning (Sr., 6-5, 222)**
	17	Tee Martin (So., 6-3, 220)
TB:	31	**Jamal Lewis (Fr., 6-1, 220)**
	19	Mark Levine (Jr., 5-11, 189)
	3	Brian Darden (So., 6-0, 190)
	25	Travis Stephens (Fr., 5-9, 185)
FB:	24	**Shawn Bryson (Jr., 6-1, 212)**
	33	Derrick Edmonds (So., 5-10, 185)
	48	Jeremy Fitzgerald (Sr., 6-2, 220)

DEFENSE

LE:	91	**Jonathan Brown (Sr., 6-4, 245)**
	93	Shaun Ellis (So., 6-4, 260)
	99	DeAngelo Lloyd (Fr., 6-6, 220)
LT:	50	**Bill Duff (Sr., 6-3, 265)**
	58	Darwin Walker (So., 6-3, 281)
RT:	97	**Buck Buxton (Sr., 6-5, 270)**
	55	Ron Green (So., 6-1, 275)
RE:	22	**Corey Terry (Jr., 6-3, 260)**
	92	Jeff Coleman (Jr., 6-4, 242)
	89	Kenny Smith (Fr., 6-6, 265)
LLB:	27	**Al Wilson (Jr., 6-0, 226)**
	48	Jerrod Hayden (Fr., 6-1, 215)
	57	Eric Brown (Sr., 6-1, 231)
MLB:	1	**Leonard Little (Sr., 6-3, 247)**
	35	Shawn Johnson (So., 6-2, 217)
RLB:	46	**Raynoch Thompson (So., 6-3, 217)**
	85	Anthony Hampton (Jr., 6-1, 225)
	44	Austin Kemp (Fr., 6-3, 210)
LCB:	23	**Dwayne Goodrich (So., 6-0, 180)**
	18	Gerald Griffin (Fr., 6-1, 170)
	34	Steve Johnson (Jr., 5-11, 175)
RCB:	13	**Terry Fair (Sr., 5-11, 185)**
	23	Dwayne Goodrich (So., 6-0, 180)
	3	Brian Darden (So., 6-0, 190)
SS:	9	**Tori Noel (Sr., 6-0, 197)**
	2	Fred White (So., 5-11, 185)
	15	Tim Sewell (Jr., 5-11, 178)
FS:	30	**Cory Gaines (Sr., 5-11, 185)**
	29	Mikki Allen (So., 6-0, 175)
	7	Deon Grant (Fr., 6-3, 190)

SPECIALIST

P:	8	**Chris Hogue (Sr., 6-1, 188)**
	43	David Leaverton (Fr., 6-4, 210)
PR:	6	**Jer. Copeland (Jr., 6-2, 210)**
	13	Terry Fair (Sr., 5-11, 185)
KR:	19	**Mark Levine (Jr., 5-11, 189)**
	23	Dwayne Goodrich (So., 6-0, 180)
	3	Brian Darden (So., 6-0, 190)
PK:	4	**Jeff Hall (Jr., 6-0, 182)**
	8	Chris Hogue (Sr., 6-1, 188)
H:	10	**Benson Scott (So., 6-0, 193)**
	8	Chris Hogue (Sr., 6-1, 188)
DS:	51	**Kevin Gregory (So., 6-4, 270)**
	70	Trey Teague (Sr., 6-5, 287)

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	69	Adam Julch (So., 6-5, 310)
LG:	67	**Aaron Taylor (Sr., 6-1, 305)**
	63	James Sherman (So., 6-2, 300)
C:	59	**Josh Heskew (Jr., 6-3, 280)**
	62	Matt Hoskinson (Sr., 6-1, 280)
RG:	64	**Jon Zatechka (Sr., 6-2, 290)**
	62	Matt Hoskinson (Sr., 6-1, 280)
RT:	70	**Eric Anderson (Sr., 6-4, 305)**
	65	Jason Schwab (So., 6-1, 300)
TE:	90	**Tim Carpenter (Sr., 6-3, 250)**
	34	Vershan Jackson (Sr., 6-0, 240)
QB:	7	**Scott Frost (Sr., 6-3, 220)**
	1	Frankie London (So., 6-0, 180)
FB:	45	**Joel Makovicka (Jr., 5-11, 235)**
	40	Billy Legate (Jr., 5-11, 228)
IB:	30	**Ahman Green (Jr., 6-0, 215)**
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WB:	14	**Lance Brown (Jr., 5-11, 190)**
	5	Shevin Wiggins (Jr., 5-11, 190)

DEFENSE

LR:	57	**Chad Kelsay (Jr., 6-3, 250)**
	84	Mike Rucker (Jr., 6-6, 250)
DT:	99	**Jason Wiltz (Jr., 6-3, 210)**
	96	Steve Warren (So., 6-1, 295)
DT:	55	**Jason Peter (Sr., 6-5, 285)**
	95	Derek Allen (So., 6-3, 280)
RR:	98	**Grant Wistrom (Sr., 6-5, 255)**
	92	Travis Toline (Jr., 6-3, 245)
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	46	Brian Shaw (So., 6-1, 215)
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	1	Eric Johnson (Jr., 6-0, 200)
LCB:	16	**Erwin Swiney (Fr., 6-1, 180)**
	25	Joe Walker (Fr., 5-10, 190)
FS:	3	**Eric Warfield (Sr., 6-0, 195)**
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SPECIALIST

P:	19	**Jesse Kosch (Sr., 6-0, 190)**
	23	Bill Lafleur (Jr., 5-11, 200)
DS:	58	**Brandon Drum (So., 6-3, 275)**
	51	Kyle Henson (Jr., 6-1, 290)
PK:	35	**Kris Brown (Jr., 5-10, 205)**
	13	Ted Retzlaff (Sr., 6-0, 180)
H:	13	**Ted Retzlaff (Sr., 6-0, 180)**
	1	Frankie London (So., 6-0, 180)
KR:	27	**Joe Walker (So., 5-7, 160)**
	5	Shevin Wiggins (Jr., 5-11, 190)
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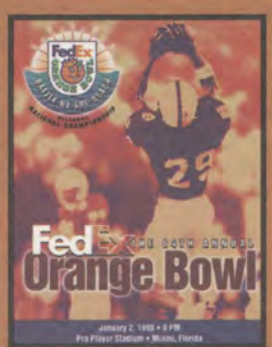
o. 

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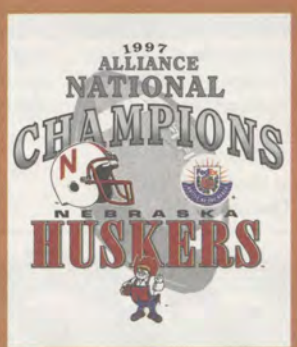

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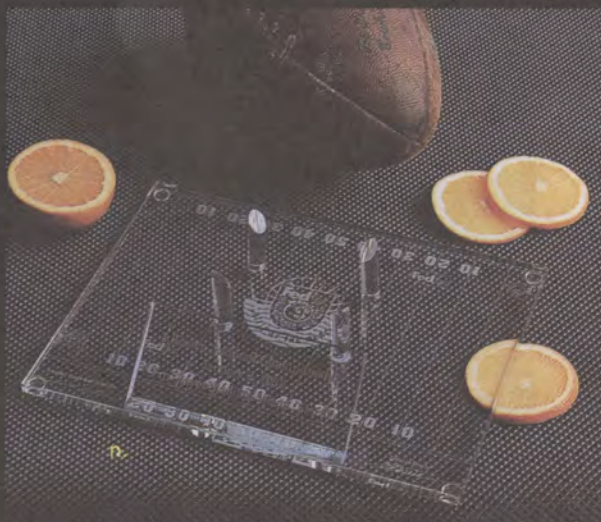

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A Look At The Vols...

THE 11-1 SEC CHAMPS FOR 1997!

Tennessee earned its first SEC Championship since the 1990 season with its 30-29 victory over the Auburn Tigers on Dec. 6 in Atlanta. The win enabled the Vols to to go to Miami for the FedEx Orange Bowl January 2. Above, action from a key Vol win, a 38-13 triumph over Georgia.

With record-smashing performances by both the offense and defense paving the way, Phillip Fulmer's Tennessee Vols in 1997 battled their way to an 11-1 record and the championship of the Southeastern Conference.

Led by quarterback Peyton Manning, a man who has taken on legendary proportions as a brilliant passer and field general, the Vols bounced back from their only defeat to reel off nine straight victories, including a 30-29 win over Auburn in the SEC title game at the Georgia Dome.

The most noteworthy addition to the record book bore the imprint of Manning, who sparked the Vols to a 39-5 worksheet during the nearly four years he filled the quarterback shoes at UT. In the SEC showdown clash with Auburn, he became the SEC's all-time career passing leader with 11,201 yards.

Over on the defensive side of the field, where Leonard Little split his time between end and linebacker, a vicious defense had 47 sacks, shattering the previous record of 42 set in 1996.

Tennessee's position in the polls, third in both the AP and ESPN-USA TODAY rankings, resulted from striking a healthy blend of offense and defense. That fine balance was indicated by the selection of All-Americas Manning and Little as offensive and defensive players of the year in the SEC.

Peyton Manning obviously hadn't missed a beat during the spring and summer layoff that followed the 1996 season's bowl victory over Northwestern. The senior sharp-shooter came out throwing the ball against Texas Tech and retired to the sidelines only after connecting for five touchdown passes in a 52-17 rout of the Red Raiders. Manning completed 26 of 38 passes for 310 yards. Marcus Nash was a favorite target, latching on to seven throws, two of them for touchdowns. Peerless Price, recovering from a serious leg injury in the spring game, celebrated his return to action with a touchdown catch. Leading 10-3 late in the second quarter, Tennessee went on a 35-point binge before the third period ended.

Tennessee was in the process of routing UCLA until the Bruins exploded in the fourth quarter. Leading 27-6 to start the final period, the Vols managed to escape with a 30-24 victory after UCLA rallied for 18 points in the final stanza. At one time Tennessee's margin was 24-0. Peyton Manning TD aerials to Jeremaine Copeland and Marcus Nash, a 57-yard interception return for a touchdown by Cory Gaines, a safety and a Jeff Hall field goal staked the Vols to what appeared to be a comfortable cushion. Leonard Little averted possible defeat for Tennessee by stripping the ball from the grasp of UCLA star tailback Skip Hicks as the Bruins struggled to take the lead in the closing minutes. Nash was Tennessee's top receiver with eight for 117 yards.

Florida struck for a touchdown on its second possession and never trailed in whipping the Vols, 33-20, at Gainesville. The battle for a commanding position in the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division race, which later proved vulnerable, went Florida's way, despite three touchdown passes by Peyton Manning. Peyton enjoyed an extraordinary day, compiling 353 yards through the air on 29-of-51 passing. But Florida's young Doug Johnson also experienced success, allowing the Gators to turn back the Vols for the fifth straight time. Two linebackers made their marks for the Vols. Leonard Little chalked up two sacks, and Al Wilson registered eight tackles, including a sack.

Locked in a defensive struggle with Ole Miss, Tennessee tallied a touchdown just before halftime and then added two more scores in the early going of the third period to move into a commanding lead. The Vols went on to a 31-17 victory over the scrappy Rebels. An Ole Miss field goal stood up until Marcus Nash pulled in a touchdown pass from Peyton Manning for 20 yards shortly before intermission. Then early in the second half came a TD toss to Andy McCullough followed by Dwayne Goodrich's 30-yard return of an interception for a score. Manning finished the game with 25 completions on 44 passes for 324 yards and two touchdowns. Jamal Lewis came into his own with 22 carries for 155 yards, giving Phillip Fulmer a semblance of the running game he had been searching for since the season began. Linebacker Al Wilson continued his heads-up play with 12 tackles, a tackle for loss, a sack and a caused fumble.

If the Ole Miss game was a hint of

the potential of Jamal Lewis, the contest with Georgia provided convincing evidence of the talent locked in the legs of the freshman tailback. Jamal showed no compassion for his home-state university in leading the Vols to an impressive 38-13 triumph over the previously undefeated Bulldogs. Lewis' 232 yards on 22 carries complemented a banner passing day for Peyton Manning, who threw for 31 completions on 40 throws for 343 yards and four touchdowns. Peyton distributed his scoring tosses in an even-handed manner, firing one each to Marcus Nash, Cedrick Wilson, Peerless Price and Derrick Edmonds. Showing the way for the defense, Jonathan Brown had eight tackles and two sacks while Al Wilson registered nine tackles and a sack.

Peyton Manning and cohorts staked the Vols to a 28-6 lead midway in the third period and then relied on a stubborn defense to hold Alabama at bay in a 38-21 conquest of a great traditional foe. The third straight victory over the Tide was notched with a flair when Eric Brown blocked a punt in the third quarter, leading to UT's fourth touchdown. Peyton Manning again reached the 300-yard mark in passing for the sixth straight game, accounting for 304 yards on 23 completions. Three of the passes produced touchdowns, two to Jeremaine Copeland and one to Peerless Price. Senior safety Tori Noel had a spectacular game, racking up 11 tackles, including a sack and another for lost yardage. Billy Ratliff was equally sensational, causing two fumbles and spilling three Alabama runners for lost yardage.

Tennessee's defense was superb in a 22-7 defeat of South Carolina. It was predominantly trench warfare in which Tennessee tied the school record for sacks (8). Seniors Leonard Little and Jonathan Brown combined for five sacks to set a torrid pace for their younger teammates to emulate. South Carolina bottled up the Vol passing attack, limiting Peyton Manning to 126 yards, his first sub-300-yard game of the season. But the Gamecocks paid a price for containing Manning. The brilliant freshman runner, Jamal Lewis, bulled his way for 205 yards, including a 65-yard touchdown romp that put the game out of reach in the final period. The sack record matched the mark perpetrated by the 1979 Vols against Georgia Tech and in 1986 team against Kentucky. South Carolina was limited to 40 yards rushing and 128 through the air.

Abetted by season's-best numbers (later surpassed) from Peyton Manning, Tennessee recovered from a sluggish start and downed Southern Mississippi, 44-20, as the second largest crowd in college football history (107,073) looked on at Neyland Stadium. Manning gave the old grads some golden Homecoming memories as he passed for 399 yards and four touchdowns. Of his 35 completions, 11 landed in the arms of Jeremaine Copeland and 10 were hauled in by Marcus Nash. The Golden Eagles jumped to a 7-6 first quarter lead but the Vols posted two touchdowns in the second period and three in the third to record a decisive victory. Placekicker Jeff Hall's right leg was productive, accounting for 14 points on three field goals and five PATs. With Al Wilson's 11 tackles showing the way, the Vol defense held the visitors to 65 yards on the ground. Coach Phillip Fulmer notched his fiftieth victory as a head coach.

Peyton Manning became only the twelfth player in college history to reach the 10,000-yard passing mark the night Tennessee defeated Arkansas at Little Rock, 30-22. The SEC rivals waged a see-saw battle in which Arkansas held a 22-17 lead at one point in the final period. But Manning found Marcus Nash deep for a 49-yard touchdown throw. Then Eric Brown's second punt block of the season led to another score as Tennessee turned back the Razorbacks' upset bid. Manning reached his career milestone with a 264-yard performance that resulted in three touchdowns, two of them by Nash. Jamal Lewis, who during the final scoring possession completed a pass to Manning, ground out 124 yards on 27 carries. Tori Noel registered 13 tackles. Freshman linebacker Jerrod Hayden, pressed into battle when stickout Al Wilson injured his ankle, was credited with nine tackles.

Peyton Manning enjoyed a career-best day, firing five touchdown passes and piling up 525 yards through the air, against traditional foe Kentucky. Anything less would have meant flirting with disaster, however, as Kentucky's Tim Couch was also on target. The sophomore sharpshooter moved the ball for 476 yards and two touchdowns. Even though Kentucky piled up impressive yardage, the Vol defense came through with enough big plays such as Terry Fair's two interceptions to halt a few Wildcat scoring drives. The 59-31 victory set the stage for the Vols to clinch the Eastern Division championship with a win the following week over Vanderbilt at Knoxville. More or less lost in the hubbub concerning the air show was Jamal Lewis' feat of amassing 128 yards rushing and 105 receiving, becoming the first Vol ever to pass the century mark in both categories in a single game.

Against Vanderbilt, Jamal Lewis dominated the offensive spotlight, something the freshman tailback had been occupying more and more since he became a starter in the Georgia game. Thanks largely to a 196-yard performance by Lewis, who pounded the Commodore defense inside and outside, the Vols downed their midstate rivals, 17-10, clinching the Eastern Division championship and setting up a Southeastern Conference title showdown with Auburn in the Georgia Dome. Peyton Manning's 33-yard pass to Jeremaine Copeland, a bootleg keeper by Manning from the one and Jeff Hall's 19-yard field goal accounted for Tennessee's scoring. The defense was led by ever-present cornerback Dwayne Goodrich, who had two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

The Vols overcame six turnovers and numerous procedure penalties to edge Auburn, 30-29, as Peyton Manning became the most prolific passer in Southeastern Conference history. The largest crowd ever to see a sporting event at the Georgia Dome watched Tennessee claim its first SEC crown since 1990 and gain a position in the elite bowl alliance. Picked the following day for the FedEx Orange Bowl, the Vols had ridden into postseason play with a tremendous showing by the defense coupled with a vintage Manning performance in which he fired four touchdown passes. The winning points came on a Manning pass to Marcus Nash covering 73 yards.

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The Vols closed out their eight-game homestand with a convincing 74-54 victory over St. Joseph's. C.J. Black had perhaps his best game of the season as he scored 15 points, had eight rebounds, four blocked shots and four steals.

Vegas Davis continued his stellar play with 12 points, and Brandon Wharton had 12 as well. Aaron Green came off the bench to register 10 points including three 3-pointers.

The Vols hit three-pointers along with an Isiah Victor layup in a two-minute span in the second half to open up a 59-35 lead.

The Vols picked up their seventh win with a 92-63 victory on Dec. 7 over Wofford as six Vols scored in double figures. Davis scored a career-high 15 points to pace the Vol attack.

The Vols held an eight-point lead near the halfway mark of the second half then got three consecutive 3-pointers followed by a steal and layup by Tony Harris to open up a 64-50 lead. The Vols coasted in from there. Green (13 points) started the 3-point barrage, followed by Wharton (12) who was fouled on his and hit the free throw for a four-point play. Davis then drained a three from the top of the key.

Victor added 14 points, Rashard Lee had 11, and Harris finished with 13.

Lady Vols Improve to 9-0 on Season

The No. 1 Lady Vols continued their winning ways during the first of December. They picked up wins over Texas, George Mason and Manhattan.

Tamika Catchings was the star for Tennessee on Dec. 3, when the Lady Vols hosted the Longhorns from the the Lone Star State. She had a game-high 26 points, scoring on everything from putbacks to 3-pointers to lead Tennessee to a 98-64 victory.

She had a hand in Tennessee's second-half surge that pushed a 47-32 halftime lead into the 34-point victory.

Up next for the Lady Vols was a trip the New York to take part in the Big Apple Classic. Tennessee came back with the title of champions and two easy wins under its belt.

The first game pitted the Lady Vols up against George Mason. It was bad news for the Patriots as Chamique Holdsclaw said hello to her hometown. She scored 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in the 93-61 victory.

With that win, the Lady Vols were set to take on host Manhattan College in the championship game. They were not very kind to their hosts, downing Manhattan 78-28.

Holdsclaw again led Tennessee with 12 points and 10 rebounds, and Kyra Elzy added 12. Freshman Teresa Geter added 11 rebounds.

Holdsclaw was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, and joining her on the all-tournament team were freshmen Catchings and Semeka Randall. LATE NOTE: The Lady Vols came from 18 points down to defeat Illinois 78-68.

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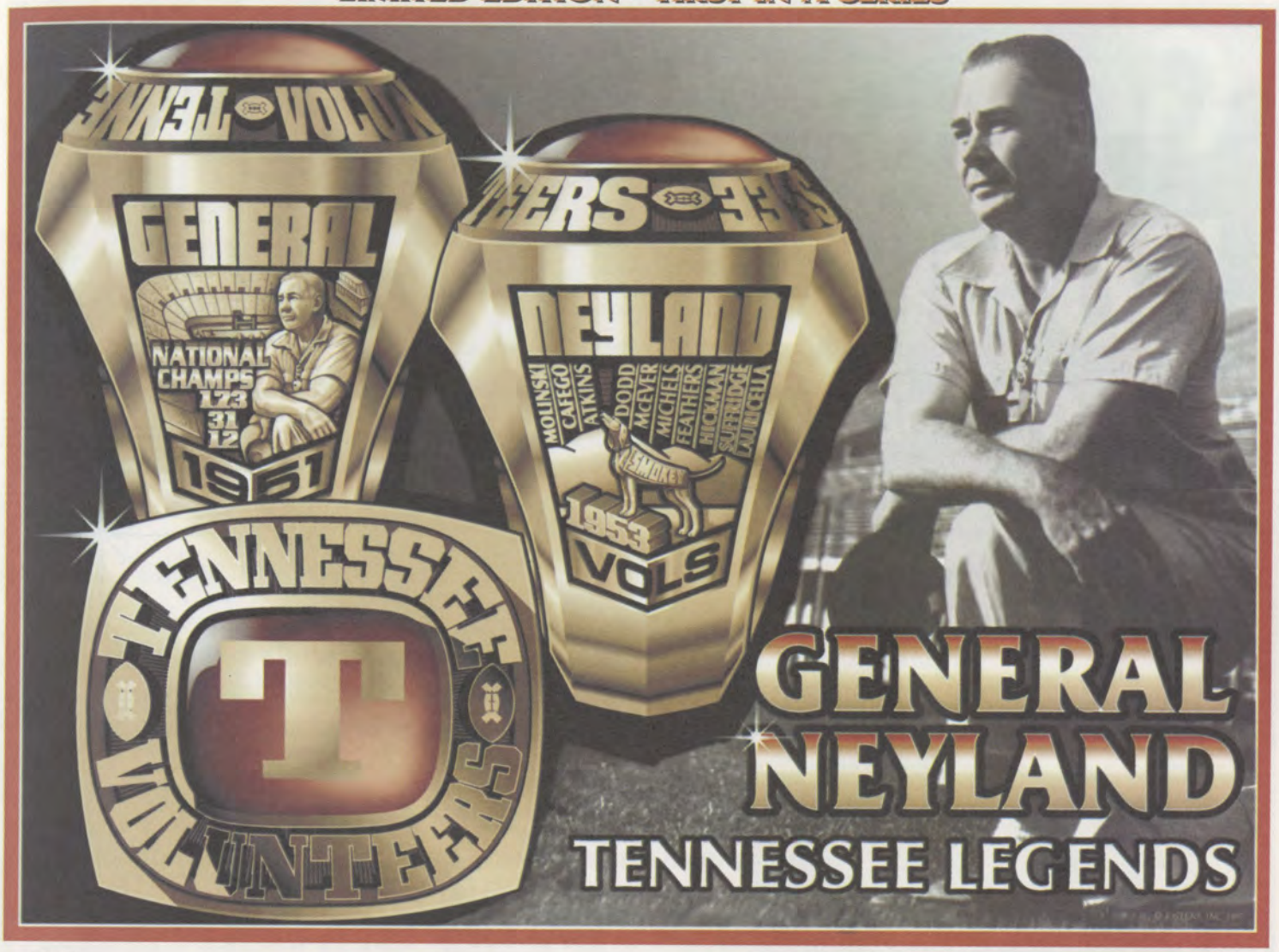

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The Last Word...
"The 1968 Orange Bowl"

Tennessee's appearance in the 1998 Orange Bowl comes 30 years after the Vols' last appearance in Miami, a contest in the old Orange Bowl Stadium against the Oklahoma Sooners. The Vols and Sooners were each 9-1 and the game was like most bowl games, two games in one, with each team dominating for a half. A record crowd to that time of 77,993 saw the confrontation.

Here's what was written about the game in "Fifty Years on the 50: The Orange Bowl Story."

"Chuck Fairbanks was in his first year as a head coach, and it showed. With 1:54 left in the 1968 Orange Bowl, his Oklahoma team was leading Tennessee, 26-24, and had the ball fourth-and-one at its own 43-yard line. Fairbanks decided to go for it.

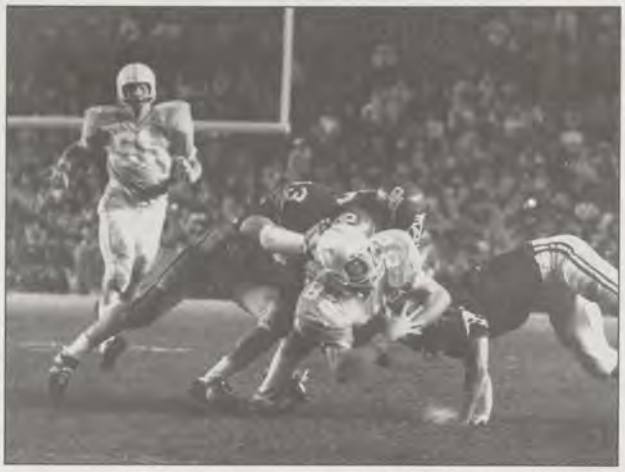
The ball was given to tailback Steve Owens, who had had good success running the ball against the highly-regarded Tennessee defense. But linebacker Jack Reynolds blitzed and nailed Owens before he could take a step.

"One of the most disappointing moments of my life," Owens recalls. "I never had a chance to fight for the first down. Reynolds really made a great play."

Tennessee worked into field goal range, but, with seven seconds left, the Vols' Karl Kremser missed a 43-yarder to keep Fairbanks from being the goat.

"It was like being reprieved," Fairbanks said afterwards.

Tennessee had injury problems with quarterbacks Charlie Fulton, Dewey Warren and Sam [actually his brother Bubba] Wyche all season. Each had started games during the season, but were healthy for the bowl.



Tennessee's Ken DeLong struggles for key yardage in the 1968 Orange Bowl game against Oklahoma.

"It was a real problem preparing as a result," remembers Coach Doug Dickey. "I've never had an experience like that. I think it showed in the first half when we made a lot of mistakes on offense."

Oklahoma led 19-0 at the half (Bob Warmack, seven-yard run, Eddie Hinton, 20-yard pass from Warmack, Owens, one-yard run). Tennessee came alive in the third quarter. Jimmy Glover's 36-yard interception return for a touchdown was followed by a five-yard scoring run by Fulton. Kremser's fourth quarter field goal closed the gap to 19-17.

But Oklahoma's Bob Stephenson went 25 yards with an interception to make it 26-17. Tennessee added a one-yard touchdown run by Dewey Warren. Time was running out when Fairbanks' decision gave the Vols one last chance.

That's one man's opinion. I was there and saw the game and have a few other comments to add about what happened 30 years ago. It was, in fact, two games in one, like most bowl games. Both teams showed the resiliency it takes to go 9-1. Oklahoma did so in the first half, with the Vols doing likewise after intermission.

Remember the name Jack Reynolds. After the Vols closed to 26-24, the Sooners made a first down on an Owens run for 12 from the OU 21.

Then came Reynolds, the Vol soph who was on his way to becoming one of the Vols' best linebackers ever. On first down from the OU 33, Reynolds and Steve Carroll stopped Owens, who would win the Heisman Trophy two years later, after a three-yard gain. Owens then ran for five with Reynolds and Carroll present and voting again. From the 41, Owens ran for short yardage, with Reynolds again making the stop.

It was fourth down with the game in the balance. Former Vol captain Dick Williams was on the field that January night and recalled what happened then.

"Frank Yanossy made the first hit, followed by Reynolds," Williams recalled. "It wasn't a close call. I think Frank was in the backfield." He also noted that the final play was run away from his side of the field.

Williams remembered what Dickey said at halftime. "He huddled with the coaches most of the time," Williams said. "He came back and told the team, 'Teams have come from behind 19 points before.' and said 'Let's go.' They swapped assignments on the pitch man and that stopped the option cold."

The Vols may have lost the game that January 1 night nearly 30 years ago, but that 1967 team will be remembered as one of the school's finest.

One final note. When I listened to the radio tape of the game, there was no "Rocky Top." That song had just been written and had not found its way into Jay Julian's playbook. It's hard to imagine Tennessee football without "Rocky Top," but that's the way it was that night 30 years ago.

— Tom Mattingly

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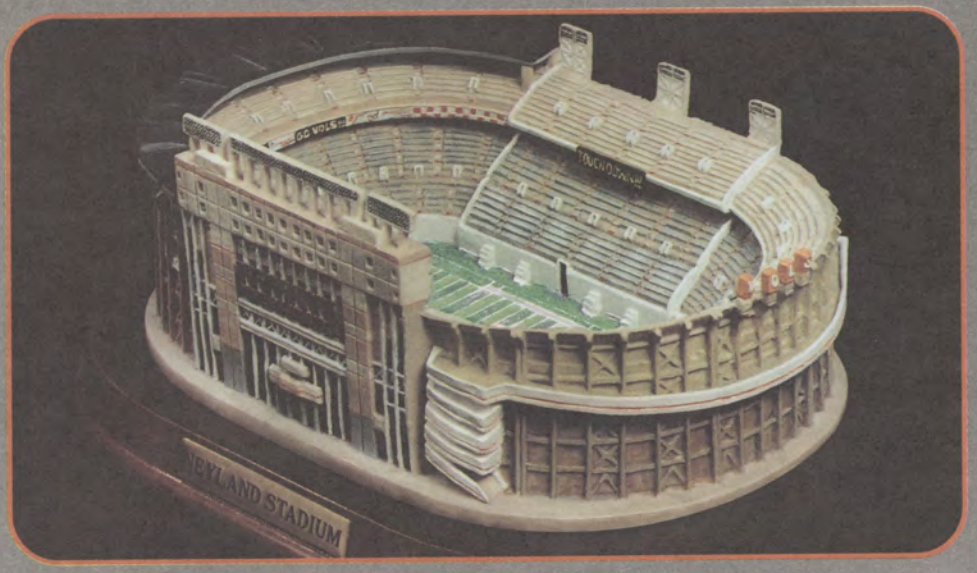

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